GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5508
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2002
PROMOTION OF HINDI WRITING
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the incentive schemes launched by Government to promote writing in the official language, Hindi, alongwith the details of operating system thereof;

(b) the arrangements made for promotion of use of official language, Hindi, in the National Human Rights Commission Headquarters;

(c) whether Hindi is being neglected in NHRCs Headquarters as a result of which the scheme of giving awards for writing in Hindi has come to a halt and publication of Hindi magzines have also been obstructed; and

(d) the steps likely to be taken to improve the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5508 DUE ANSWER ON 30.4.2002

(a): The Central Government have launched the following Incentive Schemes to promote use of Official Language:-

(1) Incentive Scheme for original noting/drafting in Hindi

All Ministries/Departments etc. of the Central Government may introduce an incentive scheme for doing work in Hindi.Under this scheme only those Officers/Employees will be eligible for awards who write at least 20,000 words in Hindi in a year in Region `A` & `B` and at least 10,000 words in Hindi in a year in Region `C`. Cash awards under the scheme are as follows:-

(A) For each Ministry/Department/Attached office of the Central Government, independently:-

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First prize (2 prizes) Rs. 1000/-
Second prize (3prizes) Rs.   600/-
Third Prize (5 prizes) Rs.   300/-
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(B) For each subordinate office of any Department of the Central Government,  independently:-
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First prize (2 prizes) Rs. 800/-
Second prize (3 prizes) Rs. 400/-
Third prize (5 prizes) Rs. 300/-
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(2) Incentive Scheme for officers for giving dictation in Hindi.
Ministries/Departments/offices may introduce an incentive scheme for officers giving maximum dictation in Hindi in a year. Amount of award is Rs. 1000/-. The number of awards may be two-one for officers having their home town in region `A` & `B` and the other for those having their home town in region `C`. A minimum limit of dictation in Hindi for grant of award may be fixed.

(3) Grant of Incentive to stenographers and typists for doing official work in Hindi in addition to English.

Special Allowances of Rs. 120/- and Rs. 80/- per month is given to those stenographers and typists respectively who know English stenography/typing and do their work in Hindi in addition to English. Only such English stenographers/typists are eligible for this allowance who type at least five notes/drafts/letters in Hindi in a day or at least three hundred notes/drafts/letters in three months.

(b) to (d): National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) is taking steps to implement the provisions of the Official Language Act. All the publications of the Commission, including its Annual Reports, Newsletters, are being published in Hindi also.Hindi day/Week/Fortnight are being observed by the Commission every year to promote the use of Hindi in its day to day working. Officials of the Commission are encouraged to use Hindi in official notings and drafting. A Hindi `Glossary` in Hindi is also under preparation. The publication of a Journal in Hindi is also under active consideration of the Commission.

In order to spread awareness of Hindi amongst various sections of the society, the Commission has started an Award Scheme for creative writings on Human Rights in Hindi, which was approved by the Commission in September 1999.The revised scheme for the award is being implemented from the year 2000. Entries for the period 2002-03 are being invited and an advertisement to this effect will appear in the newspapers shortly. As far as the publication of Hindi magazine is concerned, the modalities of its publication are being considered by the Commission.